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HELD AT GASPEREAUX, HORTON.
Saturday, Monday, & Tuesday, June 13th, 15th, & 16th, ~~1887~~
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THE CIRCULAR LETTER, &c.

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Falmouth.—Rev.
Davidson, and C. E.
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Parker, T. H. Rand,
Hammond's Plains
Hantsport.—Revds.
D. Pulcifer, Brother
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MINUTES.

GASPEREAUX, Saturday, June 13th, 1868.

THE CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met pursuant to adjournment at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The Association was called to order by the Rev. James Parker, Moderator of last year. Prayer by Rev. W. S. McKenzie.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

DELEGATES FROM THE CHURCHES.

Aylesford, Upper.—Rev. J. L. Read, Deacon O. Cogswell.

Bridgewater.—Rev. Stephen March.

Chester.—Rev. I. J. Skinner, A. Walker.

Cornwallis 1st.—Rev. S. B. Kempton, Deacons J. Ells, W. Thomas, Brethren C. F. Eaton, W. North, M. Beckwith.

Cornwallis 2nd.—Deacon William Craig, John Lyons, Brethren Edward Parker, G. W. Coldwell, Charles Skinner.

Cornwallis 3rd.—Rev. J. Parker, Deacons Abel Strong, Charles E. Parker; Brethren W. Forsyth, E. Parish, M. Kinsman.

Cornwallis 4th.—Rev. J. L. Read, Deacon George Gould, Brother J. Selfredge.

Cornwallis 5th.—Rev. D. Freeman, Brother Elijah West, A. Ells, L. C. Woodworth, James E. Rand.

Dartmouth.—Rev. A. S. Hunt, Hon. Judge Johnston, J. W. Johnston, Jr., J. J. Hunt.

Falmouth.—Rev. J. E. Balcom, Deacon A. Shaw, Brethren N. Davidson, and C. E. Corning.

Halifax 1st.—Rev. E. M. Saunders, Deacons S. Selden, D. McN Parker, T. H. Rand, William Ackhurst, and Bro. B. H. Eaton.

Hammond's Plains 1st.—Rev. N. Baker.

Hantsport.—Revds. J. E. Balcom, S. T. Rand; Deacons J. Porter, D. Pulcifer, Brother M. P. Dickie.

Horton 1st.—Revds. S. W. DeBlois, Dr. Cramp, Dr. Crawley, John Chase; Deacons M. Cleaveland, J. W. Barss.

Horton 2nd.—Rev. E. O. Read, Deacon J. Eagles, Brethren J. M. Allen, J. Vaughan and M. A. Davison.

Horton 3rd.—Rev. W. George, Deacons Henry Bishop, and William Davison.

Indian Harbor.—Rev. T. C. Eelong.

- Jeddore.*—Rev. James Meadows.
New Germany.—Rev. W. E. Hall.
Newport East.—Brethren I. Dimock, B. J. Moxon.
Newport West.—Rev. R. S. Morton, Deacon Shubael Dimock,
 Brother Joseph Wally.
Rawdon.—Rev. James Stevens.
St. Margaret's Bay.—Rev. T. C. Delong.
Tancook.—Rev. I. J. Skinner.
Walton.—Deacon Frances Parker.
Windsor.—Rev. D. M. Welton, Deacon D. Mosher, Brethren A.
 P. Shand, J. B. Godfrey.
Windsor Plains.—Rev. D. M. Welton.
Delegates from the N. S. Eastern Association.—Revds. G. F. Miles,
 J. W. Manning, J. F. Kempton, T. A. Blackadar, A. Chipman,
 Wm. Boggs, T. H. Porter, Junr.
Delegates from the N. S. Western Association.—Revds. G. Armstrong,
 N. Vidito, I. Wallace, A. Martell, R. D. Porter, A. H. Munro, and
 D. O. Parker.
Invited to sit in Council.—Revds. Jas. Newcomb, Wm. Hall, A. F.
 Porter, and T. A. Higgins, Prof. Higgins, Prof. Jones, Sydney
 Shaw, Isaac Shaw, Alex. Robinson, R. N. Beckwith, Dr. Barss,
 Ed. Lockwood, Wm. Armstrong, -- Marshall, Jas. E. Masters, John
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 Wm. Faulkner, Benj. Wood, N. P. Spur, J. F. Crowe, W. Picketson,
 Dr. Woodbury, Wm. Bill, David Harris, Edwin Johnston, G. V.
 Rand, E. C. Spinney, Bro. Geo. Fraser.

A ballot was taken, and the Rev. Dr. Cramp was chosen Moderator.

On motion, Rev. S. B. Kempton was chosen Clerk, and Brother A. Shaw, Assistant Clerk.

Bro. C. F. Eaton was chosen Treasurer, and Bro. M. A. Davidson, Assistant Treasurer.

A Committee to examine the Letters was appointed: Rev. Jas. Stevens, Rev. John Chase, and Prof. D. F. Higgins.

Revds. J. E. Balcom, D. M. Welton, and I. Wallace were appointed to Read the Letters.

The following brethren were appointed a Committee of Nomination and Arrangement:—Revds. E. O. Read, S. W. deBlois, S. B. Kempton, Wm. George, J. E. Balcom, Jas. Parker, Jas. Stevens, and D. Freeman.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 3 P. M.

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 Christian Messenger,

Afternoon Session, June 13th.

Prayer by Rev. T. C. Delong.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Reading of remaining letters from the Churches.

After the reading of letters the Committee on Nomination and Arrangement reported, as follows :

The Committee recommend that preaching be held as follows :—Gaspereaux, at 11 A. M., Rev. N. Vidito ; 3 P. M., Rev. Geo. Armstrong ; 6½ P. M., Rev. W. S. McKenzie ; Black River, 11 A. M., Rev. I. Wallace ; 3 P. M., Rev. J. F. Kempton. Greenfield, 11 A. M., Rev. T. C. Delong ; 3 P. M., Rev. W. E. Hall. Wallbrook, 3 P. M., Rev. G. F. Miles. Long Island, 3½ P. M., Rev. D. O. Parker ; 6½ P. M., Rev. J. L. Read. Wolfville, 11 A. M., Rev. E. C. Cady ; 7 P. M., Rev. D. M. Welton. Canard, 11 A. M., Rev. A. S. Hunt. Lower Canard, 4 P. M., Rev. E. M. Saunders. Church St., 3½ P. M., Rev. W. Hall. New Minas, 3 P. M., Rev. T. A. Blackadar. Cernaun, 11 A. M., Rev. R. S. Morton. Pereaun, 11 A. M., Rev. J. Meadows. Canning, 3½ P. M., Rev. R. D. Porter ; 6½ P. M., Rev. I. E. Bill. Lakeville, 11 A. M., Rev. I. E. Bill. Hantsport, 11 A. M., Rev. I. J. Skinner. Brooklyn, 3 P. M., Rev. J. W. Manning.

COMMITTEES.

TO EXAMINE THE CIRCULAR LETTER.—Revds. Dr. Crawley, J. Stevens, and Jas. Parker.

ON BENEVOLENT FUNDS.—Revds. J. E. Balcom, S. March ; Brethren Jas. E. Rand, D. McN. Parker, M. Kinsman, William Forsyth, M. Cleveland.

ON EDUCATION.—Revds. D. M. Welton, I. E. Bill, Dr. Crawley, T. A. Higgins, A. S. Hunt, S. W. deBlois, Jas. Parker ; Brethren T. H. Rand, Hon. Judge Johnston, D. F. Higgins, J. W. Barss, Dr. Barss, L. C. Woodworth.

ON MISSIONS.—Rev. Geo. Armstrong, D. O. Parker, D. Freeman, John Chase, J. Stevens, F. R. Parker, T. C. Delong, R. S. Morton, Wm. George, E. O. Read ; Brethren R. N. Beckwith, J. Ells.

ON QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.—Revds. E. C. Cady, D. Freeman, Jas. Parker, E. O. Read, and J. L. Read.

Prayer meeting to be held at 6 A. M., during the session.

The Association to meet at 10 A. M., and adjourn at 12½. Meet again at 2 P. M., and adjourn at 6. Preaching at 7½ P. M., all Committees to meet at 8 A. M., on Monday.

In amendment to a motion for a Committee on the *Christian Messenger*, the following was passed :

Resolved, That this Association wishes to express its continued confidence in the general management of the *Christian Messenger*, and in the general tone of its articles; though they do not feel called upon to endorse all its contents, still they sympathise with the Editor, in his endeavours to faithfully present the truths and doctrines as held by the Baptist denomination in this Province, and therefore recommend its continued support to the members of the Churches forming this Association.

The relation of Delegates from corresponding Associations being brought forward, the following was passed:

Whereas, it appears on the statements of brethren, that the omission of recording the resolution appointing delegates to this Association by the Western Association was accidental:

Therefore Resolved, That the ordained Ministers of that Association be regarded as Delegates to this Association; and that this resolution be substituted for the vote inviting them to a seat in the Association.

A letter from Dr. Pryor to the Moderator was presented requesting permission to read to the Association a letter from Dr. Pryor to this body. It was referred to the Committee for examining Letters.

It was Resolved, That the general subject concerning Granville Street Church be taken up on Monday afternoon.

After a brief discussion concerning the holding of a private session, it was

Resolved, That after the publications in the *Christian Messenger*, it is inappropriate to seek privacy in the proposed discussion before the Association.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. S. March.

Monday, Morning Session, June 15th.

The Association met at 10 A. M. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. S. March, of Bridgewater. A most interesting discourse was delivered from Ephesians vi. 10: "Finally Brethren. Be strong in the Lord, &c."

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The remaining letters from the churches were read.

Resolved, That the Rev. S. March be requested to furnish for publication a copy of the able and instructive Sermon just delivered, and that the Editor of the *Christian Messenger*, be requested to publish the same in the columns of that paper.

Resolved, That Rev. E. M. Saunders, Bro. S. Selden and Rev. J. E. Goucher be a Committee to prepare an Abstract of the Letters for publication in the *Christian Messenger*.

The Committee on the Circular Letter reported recommending that the Letter be read.

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It was Resolved, That the Report of Committee on the Circular Letter be adopted.

The Circular Letter was then read.

It was Resolved, That it be printed in the Minutes.

Resolved, That in compliance with a request from the Committee to examine the Letters the said Committee be enlarged by the addition of Revds. T. H. Porter, Jun, and Isa. Wallace.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be, and are hereby tendered to the Rev. E. O. Read for the manner in which he has discharged the duties of Secretary for this Association for the last few years.

Prayer by Rev. R. D. Porter, adjourned.

Afternoon Session, June 15th.

Prayer by Rev. D. Freeman.

Resolved, That the delegates to the Convention be M. Beckwith, D. McN. Parker, S. Selden, M. Cleaveland, and James Rand.

Resolved, That 1,000 Copies of the Minutes be printed at Christian Messenger Office, under the Superintendence of Brethren Selden, and Rev. E. M. Saunders; and that 50 copies be reserved for the use of the Association at its next session, and that \$44, be paid Brother Selden for the same.

The Committee to examine Letters presented a report expressing their opinion that it is not in accordance with the usages of this Association to hear from an individual charges against a Church, they therefore recommend that Dr. Pryor's letter be not read.

It was Resolved, That if any delegate is prepared to move a resolution to exclude Granvil'e Street Church from this Association, he shall have the liberty to read Dr. Pryor's letter in the course of his argument.

[The following resolution moved previously to the above, although negatived, is inserted by order of the body :

That inasmuch as the Council held in conformity with the recommendation of the Association, by a written decision, exonerated Dr. Pryor from the charges of immorality brought against him by Granville Street Church; and inasmuch as many articles most injurious to his character and feelings have subsequently appeared in the Christian Messenger as coming from that church, it would be a violation of common justice, as well as christian charity to refuse him the opportunity of vindicating himself before the Association, and therefore, Resolved, That the report of the Committee which would deny to Dr. Pryor that opportunity, be not accepted, and that the Rev. Dr. Pryor have leave to present, and now to read before the Association the letter which was referred to that Committee.]

Resolved, That the Association adjourn till 7½ o'clock, when it shall meet for Home Missionary purposes.

Prayer by Rev. William George.

Monday Evening Session, June 13th.

The Association met at 7½. In the absence of the Moderator, Rev. Jas. Parker was called to the chair, *pro tem*. Prayer was offered by the Revds. N. Vidito, and I. J. Skinner.

In absence of the Annual Report of the Home Mission Board, an informal meeting was held on Home Missions.

The Chairman called on Rev. J. F. Kempton, who presented the claims of our Mission in Cape Breton. Speeches were also made by Revds. W. Hall, I. Wallace, Geo. Armstrong, James Meadows, T. C. Delong, J. Crawley, (coloured), and R. S. Morton; and Brother J. Stubbett.

A collection was then taken for the Meeting-house at Prestor, amounting to \$8.37½.

After singing the doxology, the meeting adjourned with the benediction.

Tuesday, June 16th, Morning Session.

The Moderator called the meeting to order. Prayer was offered by Rev. I. J. Skinner.

The Committee on Questions in Letters, presented a partial report, which was adopted. (See Appendix)

Voted, That Revds. Wm. E. Hall, S. March, I. J. Skinner, E. M. Saunders, and Brother George Robins, be a Committee to secure a place of meeting for the Association next year.

A resolution was moved by Rev. N. Vidito, and seconded by Hon. Judge Johnston, and spoken to by them respectively, until the time of adjournment.

Afternoon Session, June 16th.

The Moderator called the meeting to order. Prayer by Rev. S. T. Rand.

Voted, That Rev. S. B. Kempton preach the Associational Sermon next year, and that Rev. J. E. Balcom be his alternate.

Voted, That Rev. E. O. Read write the Circular Letter.

Voted, That Rev. J. E. Balcom be requested to visit the church at Waterville, and report next year.

The Committee on Questions in Letters reported finally. (See Appendix.)

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The Committee on Benevolent Funds reported. The Report was adopted together with a recommendation that the Committee appointed to prepare an abstract of the letters, do also prepare a tabular report of the Benevolent operations of the churches. (See Appendix).

The Committee on Education presented their report, which was read.

The adjourned discussion was resumed by Brother T. H. Rand moving the following amendment, which was carried by a large majority :

Resolved, That the resolution now before the Association is unconstitutional, and that this Association can entertain no resolution affecting the conduct of Granville Street Church, only as contemplated by the ninth Article of the Constitution.

[The following resolution, which was lost, was ordered to be recorded :

Resolved, That while this Association do not assume any authority to interfere with the individual action of any church represented herein, but adhere to the belief that every church has the full legal right to determine their own course of action, independently of this or any other body, they judge it to be the duty of this Association, nevertheless to claim for themselves and the churches they represent an equal right of independent judgment on such course pursued, and inasmuch as it appears that Granville Street Church passed judgment on the Rev. Dr. Pryor, a recognized and ordained Minister of the Gospel, without first seeking the counsel and aid of sister churches, and afterwards on complaint made to this body and by its recommendation, consented to the case being committed to a Mutual Council, this Association are of the opinion that said Church became thereby morally bound to abide by the decision of that body, and that their refusal to do so is contrary to the usual practice of Baptist Churches on this Continent, and is harmful in the influence of its example, and is inconsistent with christian charity and integrity.

The following resolution, which was also lost, was ordered to be recorded :

That in the opinion of this Association, when a church calls a Council for advice in any case of peculiar difficulty, especially between a church and its Pastor, it is eminently desirable that the church accept the decision of said Council.]

Resolved, That the Committee on Missions not being prepared to report be discharged.

The Report on Education was adopted. (See Appendix)

Resolved, That it is highly desirable to engage in efforts for the circulation of Baptist Literature in this Province, and that the Rev. J. Newcomb deserves the encouragement and support of the denomination in his endeavours to introduce the books and tracts of the American Baptist Publication Society, and other works issued by Baptist Publishers in England and the United States.

A Protest, against several of the resolutions passed by the Association, signed by certain members, was presented by Rev. Dr. Crawley and insertion thereof in the Minutes was requested; which request, however, on vote, was not granted

Voted, That all the Ministering brethren in this Association and Brother Selden be Delegates to the Western and Eastern Associations.

Voted, That the Board of the Infirm Ministers' Fund be Revds. S. B. Kempton, D. Freeman, J. Parker, E. M. Saunders and Brethren Jas. Bligh, Mahew Beckwith and Rupert D. Eaton, and that Bro. Rupert D. Eaton be the Treasurer.

Voted, That the cordial thanks of this Association be presented to the brethren and friends at Gaspereaux and neighbourhood, for their kindness and hospitality during the present session; and to the Trustees of the various Churches for their invitations to members of this Association to preach in their places of worship on Lord's Day.

On motion, after prayer by the Moderator the Association adjourned to meet with the Church at
on the second Saturday in June, 1869.

J. M. CRAMP, D. D., *Moderator*.

S. B. KEMPTON, *Secretary*.

A. SHAW, *Assistant Secretary*.

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- 12 Falmouth.....
- 13 Halifax 1st.....
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- 15 Hammond's Plain
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- 17 Hantsport.....
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- 19 Horton 2nd.....
- 20 Horton 3rd.....
- 21 Indian Harbour..
- 22 Jeddore.....
- 23 Kempton.....
- 24 Lahave (No Letter)
- 25 Lunenburg.....
- 26 Maitland (No Letter)
- 27 New Cornwall....
- 28 New Germany....
- 29 Newport East....
- 30 Newport West....
- 31 New Ross.....
- 32 Preston 1st.....
- 33 Preston 2nd (No Letter)
- 34 Rawdon.....
- 35 Sackville (No Letter)
- 36 St. Margaret's Bay
- 37 Tanook.....
- 38 Walton.....
- 39 Waterville (No Letter)
- 40 Windsor.....
- 41 Windsor Plains....

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

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1 Aylesford Upper.....	25	1	..	2	7	1 229
2 Bridgewater.....	5	1	1	3	1	123
3 Burton (No Letter).....	31
4 Chelsea (No Letter).....	..	..	..	..	..	119
5 Chester.....	1	..	1	..	4	213
6 Cornwallis 1st.....	2	3	..	17	5	376
7 Cornwallis 2nd.....	1	1	1	15	1	401
8 Cornwallis 3rd.....	20	5	..	1	2	350
9 Cornwallis 4th.....	..	..	..	1	1	117
10 Cornwallis 5th.....	3	2	..	1	..	150
11 Dartmouth.....	10	..	..	..	..	32
12 Falmouth.....	6	3	..	..	2	76
13 Halifax 1st.....	2	14	..	3	8	174
14 Halifax 2nd.....	29	11	..	5	5	231
15 Hammond's Plains 1st.....	..	..	..	2	2	35
16 Hammond's Plains 2nd.....	..	..	2	..	6	46
17 Hantsport.....	5	9	..	2	4	296
18 Horton 1st.....	15	4	2	16	..	246
19 Horton 2nd.....	7	3	..	..	1	315
20 Horton 3rd.....	..	..	..	2	1	136
21 Indian Harbour.....	..	..	..	..	..	96
22 Jeddore.....	31	1	5	..	..	122
23 Kempt.....	62	2	2	1	..	141
24 Lahave (No Letter).....	..	..	..	..	..	41
25 Lunenburg.....	1	..	..	..	2	94
26 Maitland (No Letter).....	..	..	..	..	..	17
27 New Cornwall.....	1	..	..	1	..	29
28 New Germany.....	21	3	1	..	1	179
29 Newport East.....	2	..	1	2	1	83
30 Newport West.....	5	..	..	..	1	135
31 New Ross.....	..	..	1	1	3	48
32 Preston 1st.....	..	..	..	..	..	38
33 Preston 2nd (No Letter).....	..	..	..	..	..	15
34 Rawdon.....	6	..	..	1	1	122
35 Sackville (No Letter).....	..	..	..	..	..	26
36 St. Margaret's Bay.....	..	..	..	..	3	100
37 Tancook.....	..	..	..	3	..	109
38 Walton.....	14
39 Waterville (No Letter).....	12
40 Windsor.....	6	8	1	1	3	146
41 Windsor Plains.....	1	..	32
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Circular Letter.

CHRISTIAN FORGIVENESS.

THE CIRCULAR LETTER FROM THE N. S. CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION TO THE CHURCHES OF WHICH IT IS COMPOSED.

Dear Brethren,—

It seems good to us, in issuing our annual address to you, to present for your consideration and spiritual improvement, a few thoughts on Christian Forgiveness. We do not intend to send you such an exhaustive discussion of the question, as shall leave no room for further record or remark, or, as indeed shall attract attention to intellectual ability, but rather, in view of our needs as Christians, and the world's needs as sinners, do we seek "to stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance," to the exercise of those precepts the Master has given us.

In the Saviour's teaching a very prominent place is given to *forgiveness*. He came to teach Divine Forgiveness in its fulness, and to inculcate the carrying out of the same Divine principle by men toward each other. This last he began to accomplish by correcting the then existing law on the subject. The Jews had it, "Love thy neighbour and hate thine enemy." In place of this the Saviour put, "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that despitefully use you, and persecute you," and this rule He enforces by the most cogent reasoning. Less than this He says others do also. Hence anything less cannot secure Christian reward, or give proof

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of being a child of God. Afterwards, as opportunity occurred, or as occasion required, He set forth the doctrine, giving it always, as all who notice must observe, great prominence and emphasis. When one comes to Him to ascertain the limit of forbearance toward a sinning brother, evidently supposing himself most generous in naming "seven times" as all that can be desired, the Saviour says, rather let it be "seventy times seven." And again, "if thy brother trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee saying, I repent, thou shalt forgive him." When He is setting forth the principles of our faith in parables, he teaches most emphatically and forcibly the duty of those receiving forgiveness, to forgive others also. No one reading that parable can fail to observe the reasonableness of the demand of the Master of the house, that minor offences be forgiven because of greater offences being pardoned.—And then, too, in that wonderful form of prayer given by the Redeemer to His disciples, noticeable surely is the petition for forgiveness He puts into their lips, "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors." So too, Mark repeats, "When ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have aught against any : that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses." How full and forcible this teaching, and how calculated to arouse our thoughts, and, it may be, our fears too.

For brethren, notice, how expressly and distinctly it is stated, that God requires a full and free forgiveness on our part, of all fancied or real offences against us, if we would have a full forgiveness of Him. In the teaching no allowance is made for *peculiar circumstances*, either in the offending or the offended, that is to say, for that kind of reasoning so common, "but my case is a peculiar one, the

Bible rule is general, and cannot be followed in such a case as this." One specification alone is made, in the case of the oft sinning brother, if he repent, forgive him. Had the case required it, other specifications could have been given as well as this. Since they are not, it is not well to take upon ourselves the liberty of making them.—Indeed a correct apprehension of the petition the Saviour taught us to make, forbids all attempts at softening down or reasoning to suit convenience. We ask God to make the measure of our forgiveness of others, a standard of His own forgiveness toward us. Suppose He find in our hearts, the world's idea, perhaps its highest notion of this virtue, "I can forgive, but I cannot forget," or "I'll forgive when such conditions are complied with, or an acknowledgement of wrong made," are we prepared to have our desire toward God answered accordingly? Would such dealing of God toward us be accounted forgiveness at all? We rejoice in a full pardon of all our sins, be they ever so aggravating. Then let us not deceive ourselves, that we can forgive men one way and God forgive us another. That only, evidently, is forgiveness between man and man, that is forgiveness between God and men.

If from this explicit teaching, we pass on to the teaching and practice of those who immediately received it from the Lord, we shall discover how they understood the Redeemer, and what importance they attached to the doctrine. In the epistles to the churches all are aware how often such exhortations as these are given, "Be kindly affectionate one to another with brotherly love;" "Bless them which persecute you, bless, and curse not." "Be of the same mind one toward another." "Recompense to no man evil for evil." "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you live peaceably with all men." "Let every one of us please his neighbour, for his good to edification." "Now I

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beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind, and in the same judgment." "Be of one mind, live in peace," "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice; and be ye kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." "Do all things without murmurings and disputings." "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long suffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any, even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye." "Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous; not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing, but contrariwise blessing." "For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing. For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God." These certainly suffice to show in what manner the Apostle understood our Lord, as also the place this principle occupied in their minds.

The lives of these men is as distinct on this point as their utterances. Teaching forgiveness and forbearance they had opportunity to practice their own teaching. They are made the objects of universal distrust and suspicion, the "filth and off-scouring of all things." By sinners and among false brethren their perils are numerous, the sufferings great, and very aggravating. Still they take "joyfully the spoiling of their goods," and glory in being counted worthy to suffer shame for the name of Jesus.—We hear of no plots organized among them for revenge, or for personal deliverance. There are no burning of

persons or of cities, no mysterious disappearance or death of public men. No insidious night attacks. All their injuries are borne patiently, forgiven freely.—Stephen in the very agonies of an unjust and most cruel death, prays for his murderers. The church cast into deep affliction by the threatened execution of Peter, meets together to pray for him, and doubtless for his tormenters also. Paul and Silas freed from the hand of him who had “thrust them into the inner prison and made their feet fast in the stocks” do not escape, but wait to present eternal redemption to their jail-keeper. These and many other incidents that might be mentioned, show us how these men understood their Master, and what stress they put upon His teaching. They certainly did not deem themselves at liberty to receive or teach one kind of doctrine and practice its opposite, nor did they seek to tone down doctrine that practice might be attended with less difficulty.

The great matter, in regard to the carrying out of this principle is the cherishing a proper spirit. This entirely changes the aspect of the duty, hiding its hard features, and clothing it in glory. For so soon as men feel that it is godlike to forgive, there seems no hardship in the case. The right spirit reduces the causes for the exercise of this virtue. For it “thinketh no evil, suffereth long and is kind . . . is not easily provoked,” that is, it finds not cause for complaint in every unguarded word or act of others. The possessor of such a spirit, does not feel himself aggrieved in all that appears a little out of the usual course. He treats others in all fairness, not only in his own conduct, but in the construction he puts upon the conduct of others. And if cause of complaint comes he readily finds many extenuating circumstances, that go far toward lessening the offence and making the forgiveness less difficult. It may be proper to notice too, that the duty


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And now, dear brethren, in conclusion, most seriously and affectionately would we urge upon your attention the necessity of giving heed to this matter, to which so imperfectly and briefly we have called your attention. Do not reasons abundant occur to every mind why there should be prayerful consideration given to the subject throughout all our churches? Has it not become actually imperative? Can the world be satisfied with our professions, unless there appear possession also? And surely, we give poor proof of union and fellowship with Him "who, though he was rich yet for *our* sakes became poor," who "though equal with God, made himself of no reputation, and being found in fashion as a man humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross," when we shew little regard to his precepts, or in our conduct manifest the opposite of all this. How can men believe that we have received full pardon of all our sins, when they see us in practice, apparently caring so little about the forgiveness. To have been forgiven, to have felt its joy, is supposed to make forgiveness toward others easy. And so it does. Then let us seek to forgive!

And what prospect have we, notwithstanding we are a professed church of the Lord Jesus without this spirit among us? Who will be convinced that "the Lord is among us of a truth?" Who will honour our faith, or seek shelter in our principles while there is manifest neglect, or nearly open denial of so important a scripture precept? For is it not true, that more than ever perhaps, the church and the

world both need religion *worked out*. Words alone can satisfy no longer. Sentimentalism will be despised. Men are demanding truth made real, by being embodied in action. This is eminently a working, *real* age, and men must see real religion, or they will despise those who say they have it. References to the history of the Fathers, as are they called, are stale. As a denomination, our success depends upon the men of to-day, so far as it depends upon men at all, and not upon those who have preceded us. We shall secure success, rather say, we shall glorify God and save men, in proportion as we take hold of this and other kindred Divine precepts, and make them the rule of daily life. Oh, for the sake of a loving, dying, living Lord, let us learn to love men, even our enemies, and forgive as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven us.

 Since the preceding pages were printed, the Committee appointed by the Association for the purpose, have received the invitation of the Baptist Church at New Germany, and have decided that the next Annual Session of the Association be held with that Church.

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QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.

Your Committee on Questions in Letters report :

That it appears from the letter from the Walton Church, that they applied for admittance into this body in 1861, and were refused on the ground of irregularity in their organization, but although in 1862 when that irregularity was satisfactorily explained, and this Association said, "that further information having been received concerning this subject, they recommended that the Walton Church be received as a constituent member of this body," these brethren still feel that they are not wholly exonerated from blame in the charge of irregularity. Your committee have looked into this matter, and find from a communication from Rev. W. H. Humphrey, dated Sept. 1861, that the Walton church was organized without the sanction of a council. They had made two ineffectual efforts to secure the attendance of a council.

From these, and other facts laid before us, we feel called upon to exonerate this church from any blame that may seem to be imputed to them in the action of the Association in 1861.

At the same time we would repeat a recommendation which passed this body that year: "That no church be received into this Association unless it satisfactorily appears to have been organized by the advice of a council regularly formed, when practicable to call such council."

As the request of the 1st Horton Church to be allowed to send to the Association two extra delegates to represent the interest of Acadia College, affects the constitution, and as it is always the custom of the Association to invite all ministers attending the Association to sit with them in

council, therefore we recommend that the request be not granted.

No church having asked for the next session of the Association, we recommend that a committee be appointed to make such arrangements as they deem best.

E. C. CADY, *Chairman.*

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BENEVOLENT FUNDS.

The Committee on Benevolent Funds report :

That Christian benevolence is strictly enjoined in the Bible as a religious duty ; no christian is exempt from its obligations. The scriptural rule is—" Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him." Under the old dispensation God's people were required to give largely for the support of their religion, and the same duty of liberality is enjoined in the New. We believe the failure in raising funds to sustain those objects having claims upon our benevolence, does not arise so much from an unwillingness on the part of the people to give, as from the want of a proper system for raising them.

Your Committee would recommend the system proposed in the report of last year, or, if it be not carried out—" Quarterly Collections." Let each church enter into the arrangement to take up a collection quarterly, it being notified from the pulpit the previous Sabbath, and every one required to give as God hath prospered him. Also let " Monthly Concerts" of prayer be held when practicable, and collections be taken. If these suggestions should be carried out by the churches—your Committee believe that much larger sums would be raised to sustain our Missionary operations, and to promote all the objects of benevolence than are raised at present.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. E. BALCOM, *Chairman.*

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EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education would first of all, record their gratitude to God for the blessings which he has been pleased to vouchsafe to our Institutions of learning during the past year, and for all the good that has been accomplished through their agency.

The late Anniversary exercises were of the most interesting character throughout, and must, we think, have served to strengthen the attachment of all who witnessed them, to the cause of education in general, and to Acadia College in particular. Ten students having completed the regular course of study received the Bachelor of Arts degree, and various Prizes and Honor Certificates were given to those who had distinguished themselves in the prescribed or extra studies which had engaged their attention during the year.

Thirteen students have already been matriculated for the ensuing term, which number, at its commencement, will probably be increased by half a dozen others—making thus the largest matriculating class since the founding of the College.

The late terminal examinations in the Academy and Seminary were alike creditable to the parties examined, and to the teachers to whom their instruction had been entrusted. We are glad to be able to state that the services of competent teachers in connection with these Institutions have been secured for the coming year; and it is hoped that many of the youth of the country will seek the advantages of the superior preparatory tuition which is placed within their reach.

The vital relation which the College sustains to our missionary operations, Home and Foreign, and to a healthy denominational progress and extension must be apparent to all. But the admission of this points to the immediate necessity of giving greater completeness and efficiency to our whole educational machinery—of enlarging the Professorial staff, so far at least as relates to the departments of Natural Science and Modern Languages; and, in order to

this, of increasing the Endowment Fund,—that the highest and best possible results may be reached.

The new and widening interest that is felt, at the present time, in popular education, should also be kept in view in dealing with this question. No educational system can be perfect and accomplish the end desired, in which the excellence of the College does not correspond to that of the Common School and Academy.

It is with profound pleasure your Committee have learned that the power of God's converting grace has descended upon our Institutions during the term just ended, and that several of the students belonging to the College and Academy, and Female Seminary have made a public profession of their faith in Christ.

Finally, your Committee would bespeak for the College the continued sympathies and prayers of its friends.

D. M. WELTON, *Chairman.*

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**Statements of Amounts contributed by the Churches
for Benevolent Objects, June 16th, 1868.**

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	French Missions.	Acadia College.	Ministerial Education.	Infirm Ministers.	TOTALS.
Aylesford Upper....	\$4 00	3 00	3 00	10 00
Bridgewater.....	7 00	7 00
Chester.....	10 83	9 85	1 50	1 50	1 96	26 64
*Cornwallis 1st.....	26 80	20 00	4 72½	5 10	56 62½
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" 5th.....	8 27½	20 63	10 00	0 80	0 55	40 25½
Falmouth.....	5 06	9 00	7 00	21 06
Halifax 2nd.....	18 60½	1 50	8 25	0 25	2 75	31 35½
Hammonds Plains 2d	3 45½	3 45½
Hantsport.....	14 64	8 00	6 00	28 64
Horton 1st.....	7 00	40 00	12 00	59 00
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" 3rd.....	2 27	0 25	0 50	3 02
Indian Harbor.....	2 00	2 00	4 00
Jeddore.....	3 35	4 00	7 35
Kempt.....	6 50	6 50	3 40	16 40
Lunenburg.....	4 00	3 00	1 00	0 50	8 50
New Germany.....	0 50	6 61	0 37½	1 60	0 50	9 58½
New Cornwall.....	3 55	3 55
Newport East.....	4 00	4 21½	4 00	12 21½
Preston 1st.....	2 60	2 60
Tancook.....	4 00	4 00
Windsor.....	37 65	31 86	6 15	1 13	76 79
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Frances Parker.....	5 00	5 00
Wm. Shaw.....	1 00	1 00
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The above has been remitted as follows, viz:—

S. Selden, for Minutes.....	\$44 00
Dr. D. McN. Parker, for H. Missions and Ministerial Education.....	247 83
Rev. Dr. Tupper, for Foreign Missions...	193 59
Wm. Churchill, Esq., for French Missions	36 00
Dr. A. W. Barss, Acadia College.....	60 30
D. R. Eaton, for Infirm Ministers.....	30 78½
Postage and P. O. Orders.....	0 21½

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C. F. EATON, Treasurer.

**CONTRIBUTIONS REPORTED IN THE LETTERS FROM THE
CHURCHES IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE.**

Upper Aylesford.—Foreign Mission, \$130.00; A. F. Bible Society, \$7.

1st Horton.—Ministerial Education, \$19

Chester.—Pastor's salary, \$342; current expenses, \$28.80; Parsonage, \$248.93.

Gaspereaux.—Pastor's salary, \$450.00; Meeting house, \$670; Parsonage, \$100.

Granville Street, Halifax.—Home Missions \$57.20; Foreign Missions, \$49.95; Ministerial Education, \$25.30; Acadia College, \$20.30.

Windsor.—Pastor's salary, \$500; current expenses, \$89.74; Parsonage, \$100; other purposes, \$40.45.

Rawdon.—Foreign Mission, \$3.124.

New Ross.—Meeting house, \$228; Missions, \$7.58; other purposes, \$3.13.

Lunenburg North West.—Pastor's salary, \$200; current expenses, \$10; Meeting house, \$800.

Falmouth.—Acadia College, \$4 25

1st Cornwallis.—Foreign Mission, \$100; French Mission, \$10.15.

3rd Cornwallis.—Current expenses, \$24; Acadia College, \$7.37.

5th Cornwallis.—Pastor's salary, \$400; current expenses, \$100.

**INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND, in acct. with D. R. EATON,
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1867.		
June 1.	By balance cash in hand as per acct. rendered.	\$241.23
" 12.	" cash received from R. N. Beckwith, Esq., Treasurer of Association.....	25.70
"	" Interest on \$266.98, for 12 months.....	16.02
"	" One year's interest on the Jacob's Legacy, to Nov. 5, 1867.....	40.06
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Jan. 21.	To cash sent Rev. D. M. Welton for Rev. Mr. Vaughan of Kempt.....	\$20.00
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Cornwallis, June, 1868.

MINISTERS

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Rev. J. Bancroft..
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" John Chase...
" S. W. deBlois..
" D. Freeman..
" J. E. Goucher..
" T. A. Higgins..
" A. S. Hunt....
" J. Parker.....
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" S. B. Kempton...
" S. March.....
" A. F. Porter.....
" George Weathers..
" W. E. Hall.....
" James Meadows..
" James E. Balcom

MINISTERS IN THE CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	Present Residence.	Date of Ordination.	Place of Ordination.
Rev. J. Bancroft.....	Newport East....	March 8, 1849	Rawdon.
" J. M. Cramp, D.D.	Wolfville	May 7, 1818	London, G. B.
" E. A. Crawley, D.D.	Wolfville	May 28, 1830	Providence, R.I.
" John Chase.....	Wolfville	1835	Billtown.
" S. W. deBlois...	Wolfville	Feb. 26, 1854	Chester.
" D. Freeman.....	Canning.....	Aug. —, 1855	Halifax.
" J. E. Goucher...	Halifax	Oct. 5, 1859	Gagetown, N.B.
" T. A. Higgins....	Wolfville.....	Aug. 30, 1857	Liverpool.
" A. S. Hunt.....	Dartmouth	Nov. 10, 1844	Dartmouth.
" J. Parker.....	Billtown, Cornwall-	May 19, 1842	Upper Wilmot
" S. T. Rand.....	Hantsport, [lis.	Oct. 7, 1834	Cornwallis
" E. O. Read.....	Gaspereaux	Jan. 8, 1858	Gaspereaux.
" J. L. Read.....	Upper Aylesford..	June 30, 1858	Hopewell, N. B.
" E. M. Saunders..	Halifax.....	Dec 15, 1856	W. Cornwallis.
" I. J. Skinner....	Chester	Sept. 19, 1858	Port Medway.
" J. Stevens.....	Rawdon.....	Aug. 4, 1830	Horton.
" A. Shields.....	Lunenburg, N. W.	July 18, 1852	Hantsport.
" B. Taylor.....	New Germany....	July 13, 1842	Chelsea.
" B. Vaughan.....	Kempt.....	May 4, 1842	Wolfville.
" D. M. Welton....	Windsor.	Sept. 2, 1857	Windsor.
" D. G. Shaw.....	Falmouth	Jan. 24, 1860	Falmouth.
" D. Pineo.....	Long Point.....	Dec. 24, 1844	Greenwich.
" S. B. Kempton...	Canaan	Sept. 16, 1863	New Minas.
" S. March.....	Bridgewater.....	July 5, 1856	St. Francis, N.B.
" A. F. Porter.....	Halifax	July 19, 1858	Billtown.
" George Weathers	Newport.....	May 12, 1861	Newport.
" W. E. Hall.....	New Germany....	Sept. 23, 1854	New Germany
" James Meadows	Jeddore	Feb. 26, 1868	Jeddore.
" James E. Balcom	Hantsport.....	Mar. 26, 1853	Long Island.

Statistics of Sabbath Schools in the Central Baptist Association, June, 1868.

SCHOOLS.	SUPERINTENDENT.	SCHOLARS.			TEACHERS.			No. in Bible Class.	Members of Ch'rch in B. C. and S. S.	Vols. in Library.	Expended during the year.
		Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.				
Brigdwater	W. J. Gates	36	70	58	4	6	10	10	5	230	\$ 7 75
Chester	David Hume.	11	26	37	3	3	6	6	6	5	40
Marriotts Cove.....	Edward Heckmar..	19	22	41	3	4	7	5	5	40	10 00
Billtown, Cornwallis.....	James Sanford.....	57	50	107	6	5	11	15	5	162	32 09
Canning, do.	J. S. Witter.....	30	32	62	3	6	9	.....	.....	200	20 00
Pereaux, do.	E. C. West .....	.....	72	.....	.....	.....	.....	22	.....	250	6 00
Dartmouth.....	Rev. A. S. Hunt.....	15	33	54	3	4	7	.....	2	150	10 00
Falmouth.....	Andrew Shand.....	.....	54	54	4	5	9	.....	.....	250	.....
Halifax, Granville St.....	R. N. Beckwith.....	56	114	76	8	6	14	24	.....	480	53 59
Halifax, North.....	Geo. Rabins.....	68	102	170	10	13	23	40	28	350	75 00
Hantsport.....	N. T. Harris.....	.....	200	200	12	14	26	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gaspereaux, Horton.....	Rev. E. O. Read.....	53	64	117	6	4	10	30	42	200	.....
Black River, do.	James Pick.....	33	18	57	4	2	6	16	9	200	.....
New Minas, do.	Edward Bishop.....	11	27	38	1	4	5	.....	.....	175	20 00
Canaan.....	Wm. Davison.....	.....	40	.....	4	3	7	8	.....	.....	10 00
Indian Harbor, Margarets Bay.....	Geo. Richardson.....	24	26	50	6	6	6	18
Jeddore East.....	Enos Baker.....	14	13	27	2	2	4	13	6
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Several Churches neglected to insert the Statistics of their Sabbath Schools under the impression that this should be done only at the Annual School Convention in September. Some churches say we have "a good school" or "a flourishing school." The above, therefore, can only be regarded as an approximation.

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ARTICLE 1st.—This Association shall consist of Delegates representing the Churches of which it is composed, each of whom shall be a member of one of those Churches, together with Delegates from Corresponding Associations, and such other brethren present as the Association may see fit to invite to sit in Council.

ART. 2nd.—The Association shall meet at such time and place as may be agreed upon by the body.

ART. 3rd.—Each Church shall have the privilege of sending one Delegate or more, but no Church shall be entitled to send more than five in addition to their Pastor.

ART. 4th.—At each meeting of the Association the Moderator of the preceding year shall preside till his successor is chosen. The choice of Moderator shall take place by ballot, as soon as a list of Delegates has been prepared, as hereinafter provided. No brother shall be chosen Moderator two years in succession. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside in all the transactions, maintain due order, and nominate Committees, unless otherwise ordered by the Association. A Secretary shall be chosen, whose duty it shall be to record the transactions of the Association, and to furnish a correct copy of the same for the press; he is also to remain in office till his successor is chosen.

ART. 5th.—It shall be the duty of each Church to send by its messengers a letter to the Association giving an account of its state, particularly of the additions and diminutions within the last year, and generally of whatsoever relates to its peace and prosperity.

ART. 6th.—At each Annual Meeting the letters from the Churches shall be first handed in, from which the Secretary shall immediately make out a list of Delegates. The election of Moderator and Secretary shall then take place, after which the letters shall be read. Committees nominated by the Moderator shall not consist of more than five brethren, of whom three shall constitute a quorum. When large Committees are judged desirable they shall be appointed by the Association, and two-thirds of the members appointed shall be competent to act.

ART. 7th.—When any Church shall desire admittance into this body, application must be made by letter, and satisfactory evidence furnished of its faith and order; this being done, and a vote of acceptance taken, the Moderator shall, in behalf of the Association, give to one of its messengers present the right-hand of fellowship.

ART. 8th.—When any Church shall neglect to make communication for three years successively it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us, and shall be dropped from the Minutes, unless two or more members shall request its continuance and shall engage to enquire into its standing, and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ART. 9th.—Although as an Association all power over the Churches is disclaimed, so far as respects any interference with their independence and discipline; yet it is deemed a privilege belonging to the Association to judge for itself of the propriety of receiving or retaining any Church in its connexion.

ART. 10th.—The religious sentiments of this body are those expressed in the "Articles of the Faith and Practice of the Baptist Churches in Nova Scotia."

ART. 11th.—That the Moderator be authorized at any time during the year, to call a special meeting of the Association, in pursuance of a requisition signed by ten members thereof.

ART. 12th.—Alterations and amendments may be made to this Constitution by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any of its regular meetings.

RULES OF ORDER.

RULE 1st.—At every sitting, business shall be opened and closed with prayer; and immediately after the opening, the Minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read and corrected.

RULE 2nd.—No member of the Association shall leave the Session before the business is concluded, without permission of the Association.

RULE 3rd.—No subject shall be discussed without a motion first made and seconded.

RULE 4th.—No person shall speak oftener than twice on the same subject, unless by permission of the body.

RULE 5th.—Brethren invited to a seat with us may speak on all subjects under consideration, but vote on none.

RULE 6th.—All resolutions shall be presented in writing.

RULE 7th.—Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the Minutes, except so ordered at the time.

RULE 8th.—These Rules shall be distinctly read from the Chair at the opening of the Session.

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ELEVENTH ANNIVERSARY

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U. S. Baptist Home Missionary Society.

The eleventh annual meeting of the above Society was held in connection with the Eastern Association at Pugwash, on the 6th of July, 1868.

The Report of the Board was read by Rev. Dr. Cramp and adopted and ordered to be printed.

Interesting addresses were delivered by several of the brethren present.

The following are the Officers of the Society, and Board of Managers appointed for the ensuing year :

S. Selden, *President.*

J. W. Barss, } *Vice-Presidents.*

John King, }

D. McN. Parker, M. D., *Treasurer.*

R. N. Beckwith, *Secretary.*

Geo. Robins, *Auditor.*

Board of Managers.

Rev. J. E. Balcom,	Rev. D. M. Welton,
" J. M. Cramp, D. D.,	Bro. H. R. Cunningham,
" S. W. DeBlois,	" E. G. W. Greenwood,
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" David Freeman,	" H. N. Paint,
" J. E. Goucher,	" T. H. Rand,
" A. S. Hunt,	" Alex. Robinson,
" G. F. Miles,	" John Steele,
" James Parker,	" David Thompson,
" A. F. Porter,	" Francis Webber,
" E. M. Saunders,	" Wm. Ackhurst,
" I. J. Skinner,	" J. F. L. Parsons.

A vote of thanks to the late President, J. W. Nutting, Esq., for his long and valuable services, was unanimously passed.

R. N. BECKWITH, *Secretary.*

REPORT.

In submitting the Eleventh Annual Report of the N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Society, your Board are happy to be able to state that financially the Society has never been in so satisfactory a position as at the present time.

This may be accounted for in part by the increased contributions of our churches, but it is also to be attributed to the generous donations of a few individuals of whom the Board would make mention in the hope that it may be an incentive to others to follow their noble example.

Ezra Churchill, Esq., of Hantsport, has forwarded to the Board \$100 with an intimation that a like sum may be expected from him annually.

A friend in the neighbouring States, a native of this Province, \$74 through Rev. Dr. Tupper, which has been appropriated towards the support of one of our most faithful Missionaries on Cape Breton.

D. R. DeWolfe, Esq., New York, has through Rev. Dr. Cramp guaranteed the support of a Missionary at the Cow Bay Mines, Cape Breton, for one year.

The Board would also refer to the donation of \$50 from the Ladies Working Society of the Wolfville Sabbath School.

Will not these worthy examples be followed by others of our Benevolent Societies, as well as by other individuals, that the Board may be enabled largely to extend its operations for the coming year?

The number of Missionaries employed and the amount of work performed are considerably in excess of last year, but hardly equal to the two preceding years. The Board deem it better not to make engagements beyond the amount placed at their disposal by the churches, experience having shewn that to do so is unwise.

The Board are under obligations at the present time to the extent of the sum in the Treasurer's hands, and they would urge upon their brethren the necessity of continued and increasing effort, by their prayers and by their contri-

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The Board with great satisfaction and with humble thanksgiving record the large number who have put on Christ by baptism through the labors of our Missionaries during the year. 85 have thus publicly professed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, more than in any one year since the Society has been organized. Is not this cause for encouragement and continued labor?

The Macedonian cry is heard from many of our mining and other mission districts. Shall the call be responded to? Should there not be greater self denial on our part in order that additional missionaries, and they more continuously may be employed in preaching the Gospel to the perishing around us.

We do not ask you dear brethren to diminish your interest in other and kindred Societies, but we do urge upon your consideration the great importance of giving *systematically* and *increasingly*, for the support of our *Home Missions*.

How many are giving back to the Lord *one tenth* of the yearly income which God in his Providence has bestowed upon us? Should not our individual and household expenses be considerably curtailed that we may be enabled thereby to give additional support to the Gospel ministry, and more substantial aid in sending the Word of Life to the destitute? Much we feel assured could be done in this way if we were keenly sensible of the privileges enjoyed by us, and the obligations under which we are laid to make great sacrifices for the glory of God, and the extension of our Redeemer's kingdom.

May we not ask also that our highly favored Churches dispense with the services of their Pastors for a season that they may engage in Missionary work under the direction of the Board, their pulpits being supplied for the time by younger men? There is great need of experienced men in the Mission fields at the present time, men whose hearts are glowing with love to Christ, and who will devote their whole energies to the work of winning souls to the Lord.

In consequence of the extreme destitution existing in many parts of this Province, particularly in the Eastern Sections, many of those churches where heretofore the stated

ministry has been maintained, are now from force of circumstances quite unable to continue that support. The Constitution provides for the existence of these feeble churches, but the Board are powerless to afford them the required aid unless their brethren of the more highly favored districts are alive to the responsibility resting upon them, and place the needed funds at their disposal.

We ask you prayerfully to consider the state of these, your suffering brethren, and give such assistance as God in his Providence has placed it in your power to bestow.

Subjoined are some extracts from the reports of Missionaries who have been in the service of the Board during the year.

Halifax County.

Rev. A. F. Porter by appointment spent 6 weeks at Jeddore and Waverly.

Bro Porter states as follows: Upon arriving at Jeddore I was much cheered to find Bro. Meadows, who was teaching school through the week, laboring with the church, preaching every Lord's Day, and often on week evenings, to good acceptance. I found the church in a very happy state of revival, and a number of enquirers anxious for salvation, while many converts were rejoicing in God's pardoning mercy.

I spent two weeks here, during which time Bro. Meadows received ordination, and 20 happy souls were added to the Church by baptism.

As the church had now given Bro. Meadows a call to become their Pastor, and could with the utmost efforts hardly sustain him, I did not think it advisable to remain longer there in the service of the Board, while there were so many places more destitute. Therefore, by request of the Board, I willingly spent the remaining four weeks at Waverly. Here are a few true Baptists who are trying to hold on their way amidst the general darkness by which they are surrounded. They have a meeting house mostly occupied by Presbyterians on Sabbaths, and for a School-house during the week. I have no doubt that if a faithful, judicious Missionary could spend a few months there a considerable church might be organized and the Baptist interest greatly increased, as I found a goodly number there of Baptist

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Travelled 200 miles, preached 15 sermons, attended 10 Conference and Prayer Meetings, visited 25 families, baptized 10 persons, and distributed 250 pages of religious tracts. Collected \$10.15.

Rev. A. Chipman has been engaged in the service of the Board for 3 months at Musquodoboit.

The following extracts have been taken from his report to the Board in May:

In point of cheering details I fear my report will be meagre. The work and description of seed sowing are seldom so gratifying to us as those of the season of harvest. Occasionally indeed, in spiritual things the reaping-time is permitted to follow closely on the sowing, but not often. Such was not my privilege while in your service during the last few months.

I commenced devoting a third of my time in Musquodoboit the first of last September, and during the succeeding nine months carefully adhered to that arrangement. My Sabbath appointments, although to reach some of them involved twenty-five miles of travel, were I think with a single exception, not interrupted. I endeavored to occupy three stations preaching at one of them one every three weeks, at each of the other two once in six weeks.

This entire region has claims to be regarded as real and important Missionary ground for us to participate in cultivating.

At *Little River*, Musquodoboit, we have a church of twelve members, a feeble, yet I hope in the main, consistent band, and having no small claim upon our sympathy and support. My first visit to this place was made two years ago last winter, at which time I had merely heard of a scattered Baptist or two—a remnant result of earnest, successful but spasmodic labor once expended there by two or three of our brethren.

On such information I thought it duty to go and see if they could be found. I was successful quite beyond my expect-

tation, they were hungering to have the Word preached and Bread of life broken to them by some Baptist Minister. I yielded to their desire and to the praise of Divine Grace, had the ineffable privilege of baptizing four willing converts also of extending to these with another sister the hand of fellowship into the little Baptist Church organized the day before, and of administering the Lord's Supper. That Sabbath was an oasis, a day to me, and I trust to the cause of Christ in that place, of enduring and precious memory.

A few Sabbaths later I was permitted to baptize and receive into that Church two others, all of whom have worn well.

During the term of my recent Mission, none joined us at L. R. or elsewhere in Musquodoboit by baptism; one was added by letter and experience.

I did not keep an account of the number of visits made, but endeavored to visit very generally, and as often as practicable. Number of sermons preached about 26. The cause of Temperance for the most part stands well in Musquodoboit. I had the privilege of assisting in the Organization of a Division of the Sons at Little River, and of several times speaking before Divisions while on that field.

Rev. R. R. Philp spent 2 weeks at Jeddore.

Collected for the Society \$11.12½. Baptized 2 persons.

Lunenburg County.

The Rev. Wm. E. Hall by the appointment of his church in New Germany, spent 2 weeks at New Ross, the following account of which has been sent to the Board:

I went to New Ross on the 26th September, found the church in a very dark state. The enemy had sown the seeds of discord broadcast till nearly every member had become disaffected with some other member. Ephraim was envying Judah, and Judah was vexing Ephraim.

But though Satan had divided them, yet there are converted souls in that church and they only needed to have the truth candidly yet lovingly presented in order to see their errors and turn from them.

I am happy to state that the difficulties are removed and the church again united.

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Rev. T. C. Delong also laboured 6 weeks at New Ross.

Preached 31 sermons, attended 4 Conference and prayer meetings, visited 45 families.

Collected for the Society \$3.58.

Rev. I. J. Skinner has spent 5 weeks in the service of the Board, and visited Tancook, Little Tancook, Iron-bound Island, and Hubberts Cove.

"Tancook has been for some time without the ministration of God's word and ordinances, and as is generally the case, the results are visible in the cold and scattered state of the church. But we hope for better days. Congregations good and attentive, and some indication of revival.

At Hubbert's Cove there are a few Baptists, and they are scattered along the shore on the Western side of the Bay. I have no incidents of peculiar interest to mention, but hope that the truth of God though spoken in weakness may become 'the power of God unto salvation.'"

My labors may be summed up as follows. Preached 10 sermons, attended 4 Conference and prayer meetings, made 44 family visits, distributed 920 pages of Tracts. Collected \$4.68½."

The Mission is not yet completed and Bro. Skinner expects that the amount of collections will be considerably augmented before the final report is sent in.

MISSION PRINCIPALLY TO THE COLOURED POPULATION IN HAMMONDS PLAINS, TRACADIE, AND GUYSBOROUGH.

Rev. D. G. Shaw has performed 26 weeks mission in the above places.

Preached 119 sermons, baptized 58 persons, attended 45 Conference and prayer meetings. Restored 9. Visited 108 families. Travelled 1000 miles. Lord's Supper administered 4 times. Collected \$116.32.

Bro. C. H. Jordan wrote to the *Messenger* on the 8th January from which we extract the following:

"Rev. D. G. Shaw's labors in Tracadie have resulted in a great revival in the Church. 19 have been baptized in Tracadie and Guysboro Road. Meetings have been held for

12 weeks in these two places. Many have cried for mercy and have been made to rejoice in Christ's great salvation, and prodigals have come to their Father's house with joy and gladness.

Among the happy number there is one formerly a Roman Catholic. Oh sir, we have joyful times here. Parents rejoicing in the conversion of their children, children rejoicing and praising God. Many family altars have been erected where the name of the Lord was never heard but on a blasphemous tongue." "O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness and his wonderful works to the children of men."

March 12th, Bro. H. R. Cunningham wrote as follows from Guysborough :

"The glorious work of grace is still going forward in our midst, and increasing in interest every day.

This week has been an eventful period in this place, the blessed Lord is taking hold of our young men, and causing them to enlist under the blood-stained banner of Jesus.

This village seems to be shaken from centre to circumference, as well as some localities around, and we are still looking for a large addition to the Church of God in this place.

"Glorious things are spoken of Zion the city of our God."
"He shall see the travail of his soul and be satisfied."

Bro. Shaw left us on Monday last to spend a few days at Tracadie expecting to proceed homeward.

Bro. Shaw writes to the Board as follows : I sincerely hope the time is not far distant when a Missionary can be kept constantly moving through those destitute places, it appears evident to me that the time has already come when we, as Baptists and as Christians, should become more alive to the responsibility resting upon us, and giving more earnest heed to the word of truth. Go at once and teach those destitute and populous regions on our Eastern shores the way of the Lord more perfectly.

Very great destitution prevails this season all around. Many families are suffering extreme poverty. The children in the streets cry for bread, and of course the poor coloured and too much neglected sons of suffering share very largely in the common misery.

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Rev. Wm. McPhee in July, 1867, was assigned a Mission of 13 weeks at St. Anns and vicinity, and on the 8th of January 8 weeks additional.

Preached 93 sermons. Prayer meetings attended, 3 reported. Conference meetings 2. Families visited, 66. Baptized 1. Miles travelled, 1300. 1 Church organized. 1 Sabbath School do, Collected for the Society, \$80.20.

The following particulars are gleaned from the report to the Board in December, 1867. "I laboured in St. Anns, North Shore. Boulardrie, and Baddeck River. Baptized one believer in the Lord Jesus. The immersion of this brother had a blessed effect on the minds of some, whom I hope will soon follow his example. Indeed I believe that no argument or comment is needed in favour of the immersion of believers stronger than the act itself. It carries with it an irresistible conviction that the ordinance is of God's own appointment.

During the time that I laboured under the auspices of the Board I scarcely varied from my usual course for more than seven years, only more constant on the field on week days, as I feel that I am always on a mission.

The great desire of my soul is, that Jesus may be glorified in the conversion of sinners; and the best and only support I have in going forth with the word of life and light is His own sure word of promise. It will not fail.

The brethren and sisters here expressed a desire to form themselves into a church and partake of the Lord's Supper. I gladly complied with their request. It was a joyful day to me. Seven years last June I came hither, and among the associates of my childhood, I could find none to whom I could open my bosom. All looked upon me with suspicion but I bless the Lord that it is not so now.

Rev. Malcom Ross has been engaged in the service of the Board 19 weeks at Cow Bay Mines and vicinity.

Preached 72 sermons. Attended 29 Conference and Prayer meetings. Visited 136 families. Travelled 700 miles. Collected for the Society \$70.75.

The following extracts are taken from Bro. Ross's report of 23rd March—

"It is not my privilege to make a rapturous report of my Mission in this place, however, I can say truthfully that many of the members of the Cow Bay and Mira Church have

been greatly refreshed, also of late the heart of your Missionary has been made glad in hearing the cry of the returning prodigal, exclaiming, "pray for me," hence it is with great reluctance I must leave this mission ground.

Another pleasing result of the Mission is that God has been pleased to own it in removing long existing prejudices against Baptist preaching.

I would most earnestly urge upon the consideration of the Board the imperative necessity of seeing this Baptist Missionary ground continually occupied."

MISSION AT MARGAREE, MABOU, AND BIG BADDECK.

Rev. Joseph F. Kempton reports 9 weeks labor performed, a friend in the United States having defrayed the expenses of said Mission.

Sermons preached 40. Miles travelled 620. Conference, Prayer, and other meetings 34. Family visits 126. Pages of tracts distributed 152.

On the 17th February reported in the *Messenger* the result of his labors, from which the following extracts are taken.

I commenced the Mission on the 11th November, 1867. The usual appointments at Margaree were filled, and the same round of family visitation performed, which I endeavour to continue from the beginning to the end of each year.

Two weeks were spent at Mabou where there is a small feeble Baptist Church. Here there is an attentive hearing given to the word of the Lord. The congregation is not large but very interesting. Two or three cases of anxious enquirers after salvation were found. I hope soon to see some of them brought into the full liberty of the gospel of Christ. One of them, a young man, said to me in substance as follows:—"For twelve months past I have been seeking salvation by my own efforts. This I see to be wrong, I see that 'Christ is all.' I see the promise—see beauty in it and want to lay hold of it—but do not appear to have the power. A few days since I thought I had Christ. He seemed precious to my soul, and I said I cannot let Him go—but in a little time consolation was gone. Still I long for Christ, and cannot be satisfied without a knowledge of Him as my Saviour."

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have been called to their final rest; so that now there are but two or three remaining. They are hoping and praying for "times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord."

The remaining portion of the time has been spent in Margaree. Here is a Baptist Church numbering 72. Six of these have been added by baptism since September 29th. We have been gladdened each month, one excepted, since we entered our new chapel last September, by seeing one or more joyfully obeying Christ in the ordinance of believers' baptism.

And our hearts have been made glad also, by seeing quite a number more enabled to trust in Christ, and declare their attachment to Him and His cause who have not as yet been immersed. Some of these I expect soon to see following Christ in this precious ordinance—others of them will probably unite with other bodies of christians. Be that as it may we do rejoice; yea and will rejoice in their conversion to God. And we hope they may have light given them from heaven, in reference to the ordinances of the christian church. We believe that as soon as they do they will connect themselves with the Baptist denomination. True, it would be a sacrifice of natural inclinations, and probably would subject them to more or less persecution. But what of this? When Christ himself has said: "Blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven," &c. (Matthew v. 10, 12.)

We have in operation a very interesting Sabbath School, numbering over 100 pupils and 14 teachers, and is increasing both in number and interest. We have a Sabbath School Concert quarterly; a Concert of Prayer for Foreign Missions, monthly; Conference meeting and the Lord's Supper, monthly; Prayer meeting, weekly; Preaching twice on Sabbath. These with the superintendence of the Sabbath School keep me pretty busily occupied. But I hope to be permitted to labor while life lasts.

Brother J. W. Manning received an appointment in June, 1867, to Hawkesbury, Cape Breton, the time not being specified, as Brother Peter Paint, Jr., guaranteed that the mission should be self-sustaining, or nearly so. This agreement has been carried out in good faith, thereby relieving the Board from any pecuniary responsibility.

Brother Manning under date, April 1st, reported the result

of his mission so far as relates to the amount of work performed.

"Spent 40 weeks in the service of the Board. Preached 101 sermons. Baptized 14. Attended 48 Conference and Prayer Meetings. Visited 189 families. Distributed a few pages of Tracts. Received for my support \$200.

I have to say that the baptisms were performed by Bro. Jos. Kempton, but during the time of my mission I have to add that I organized a Bible Class, and taught regularly a class in Sabbath School the most of those baptized were members of one or the other of my classes. I think we have abundant reason to bless and adore the All-wise Creator for what he has done. Much has not been accomplished, but I trust I have endeavoured to labor in the fear of my Master. What has been done is due not to my poor work and feeble efforts, but to the grace of God alone, to whom be ascribed all the glory.

More have been added to the church than I have reported but these have been since I took charge and after my mission ceased."

Bro. Manning has been ordained and called to the Pastorate of the Church in that place.

Rev. Samuel Thompson has been engaged during the year one fourth of his time with the church at Greenville. The Board has appropriated \$20 towards Bro. Thompson's support.

Pictou County.

Rev. Wm. Hall has been labouring in the above county for six months. The Board made an appropriation of \$50 towards defraying expenses of the mission. The following statements were forwarded to the Board June 1st.

"I have preached in New Glasgow, at the Mines, Fishers' Grant, Pictou Town, and River John. The congregations were good. I occupied the chapel in town steadily for the period of three months. Although eternity alone may reveal the results yet I would express my thanks to ministers and people for their attention and hospitality. My thanks are due especially to the Rev. Messrs. Roy and Philips for the privilege of occupying their pulpits. The religious state of our brethren and sisters in this county is not so promising as is desirable. The labor is self-denying and the privations great in this missionary field.

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Collected by the Missionaries

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Travelling expenses of
Disbursed by Treasurer
May 31, 1868, ...
Secretary for Postages,
Secretary's Assistant, ...
Balance in hand 31 May

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CONDENSED STATEMENT OF MISSIONARY LABOR
PERFORMED DURING THE YEAR.

No. of Missionaries employed, all of whom are ordained,.....	13
Weeks services,.....	174
Sermons reported,.....	518
Prayer and Conference meetings held,.....	180
Family Visits,.....	739
Baptisms,.....	85
Restored by one missionary,.....	9
Miles travelled by <i>five</i> ,.....	3820
Tracts distributed by <i>three</i> ,.....	pages, 1322
1 Church organized,	
1 Sabbath School and one Bible Class by <i>one</i> Missionary.	

GROSS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasurer's hand June 1st, 1867,.....	\$280 65½
Received during the year,.....	1007 05½
Collected by the Missionaries,.....	562 81
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	\$1850 52

EXPENDITURES.

Collected and retained by Missionaries,.....	\$514 88
Travelling expenses of do.	47 98
Disbursed by Treasurer for labor performed to	
May 31, 1868,.....	541 95
Secretary for Postages, Stationary, &c., 2 years, ..	12 50
Secretary's Assistant,.....	60 00
Balance in hand 31 May, 1868,.....	678 26
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The Board are under obligations equivalent to the amount in hand.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

HALIFAX COUNTY.

Collected by Rev. R. R. Philp.

William Arnold.....	\$1 75
John Maskill.....	1 00
Grace Hopkins.....	1 00
Mary Hopkins.....	1 00
Harris Arnold.....	1 00
John Maskill, Senr.....	0 62½
Elizabeth Moser.....	0 75
Mary Arnold.....	0 50
Luke Blakeny.....	0 50
George Baker.....	0 50
Enos Baker.....	0 50
David Blakeny.....	0 25
Collection.....	1 75

\$11 12½

KING'S COUNTY.

WOLFVILLE.

Contributions from 1st Horton Church.

Maria Armstrong.....	\$1 50
Rev. John Chase.....	1 00
Mrs. Edwin DeWolfe.....	0 50
Alida DeWolfe.....	0 25
John W. Barss.....	10 00
Mrs. Lewis Johnston.....	0 75
Jane Johnston.....	0 50
David J. Harris.....	0 50
Mrs. C. D. Randall.....	0 50
James S. Morse.....	1 00
Mrs. James S. Morse.....	0 75
Mrs. Joseph DeWolfe.....	0 25
Ella Morse.....	0 25
Mrs. S. B. DeWolfe.....	0 50
Mrs. Alfred Fisk.....	0 25
Locanna Fisk.....	0 25
Laliah Fisk.....	0 25
Mrs. Wm. Fitch.....	0 50
Mrs. Charles Fitch.....	0 25
Johnson W. Bishop.....	1 00
Mrs. S. B. Bishop.....	0 25
Mrs. George Forsyth.....	0 50
Mrs. Patriquin.....	0 25
James S. McDonald.....	1 00
Mrs. Tibert.....	1 00
Angus Tibert.....	0 25
Nelson Strong.....	0 37½
Mrs. Mann.....	0 50
John T. Mann.....	0 25

Mrs. W. H. DeWolfe.....	1 00
Mrs. Wm. Johnson.....	1 00
Mrs. James P. Johnson.....	0 50
Mrs. David Thomas.....	0 25
Rev. S. W. DeBlois.....	1 00
Mrs. S. W. DeBlois.....	0 50
Austin K. DeBlois.....	0 25
Mrs. Simon Fitch.....	1 00
Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D.....	4 00
Prof. D. F. Higgins.....	1 00
Mrs. D. F. Higgins.....	1 00
Albert J. Hill.....	0 50
Mrs. R. V. Jones.....	1 00
Rev. T. A. Higgins.....	1 00
Mrs. T. A. Higgins.....	1 00
Mrs. M. Cleaveland.....	0 50
Mrs. James Wallace.....	0 50
Amelia Wallace.....	0 25
Rev. Wm. George.....	0 50
A Friend.....	0 25
Mrs. T. Barss.....	0 25
George V. Rand.....	1 00

\$43 37½

PICTOU COUNTY.

Collected by Rev. William Hall.

From New Glasgow.....	\$13 50
" The Mines.....	4 00
" Fisher's Grant.....	8 00
" Mrs. Welsh, (Mines).....	1 00

PICTOU.

" R. J. Griffith.....	8 35
" Sister Griffith.....	6 37½
" Sister McKinnon.....	2 62
" Sister Little.....	1 00
" Collections.....	2 05
Hat from a Friend.....	4 00

RIVER JOHN.

" Robert Allen.....	1 00
" James Sutherland.....	1 00
" Collections.....	4 00
" Mrs. Jas. Sutherland, (Socks).....	0 25
" Mrs. Griffith, (Socks).....	0 25
Nelson Sutherland, keeping horse 6 weeks.....	6 00

\$63 39½

CAPE

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Collected by R.

Roderick McLeod.....
Duncan Morrison.....
John McLeod, J.....
John McKay.....
John McLeod, S.....
Donald McGregor.....
Widow Carr.....
Donald Smith.....
Daniel McLeod.....
Murdoch Buchanan.....
Donald McLeod.....
Alex. McKenzie.....
Donald McLean.....
Angus McGregor.....
John Montgomery.....
John Morrison, T.....
Angus Morrison, S.....
Donald Morrison, S.....
Widow McKillip.....
Angus McKaskill.....
Capt. Fader.....
George Fader.....
Caleb Fader.....
William Phillhanse.....
Bart. Musgrove.....
Peter Musgrove.....
Mrs. Peter Phillhou.....
Angus Kerr.....
Alex. McKenzie.....
Angus McDonald.....
Donald McGregor.....
Donald Montgomery.....
John Campbell.....
Roderick McLeod.....
John Morrison, Teach.....

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Donald McLeod.....
Duncan McLeod.....
John Smith.....
Angus Smith.....
Malcolm McLeod.....

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David Corbit.....
William Corbit.....
Hector Corbit.....
Mr. Archibald, Teacher.....
Widow McLeod.....
Murdoch McNeil.....

CAPE BRETON.

ST. ANN'S.

Collected by Rev. Wm. McPhee.

Roderick McLeod.....	\$4 00
Duncan Morrison, J. P.....	1 60
John McLeod, J. P.....	0 50
John McKay.....	0 85
John McLeod, Shoemaker..	0 85
Donald McGregor.....	0 50
Widow Carr.....	0 50
Donald Smith.....	1 00
Daniel McLeod.....	1 00
Murdoch Buchanan.....	0 85
Donald McLeod, Mason....	1 20
Alex. McKenzie.....	0 50
Donald McLean.....	0 50
Angus McGregor.....	0 50
John Montgomery.....	0 50
John Morrison, Teacher....	0 60
Angus Morrison, Tailor....	0 60
Donald Morrison, Senr....	0 40
Widow McKillip.....	0 60
Angus McKaskill.....	0 25
Capt. Fader.....	0 50
George Fader.....	0 50
Caleb Fader.....	0 15
William Phillhansen.....	0 50
Bart. Musgrove.....	0 50
Peter Musgrove.....	0 25
Mis. Peter Phillhouser....	0 25
Angus Kerr.....	1 25
Alex. McKenzie.....	1 25
Angus McDonald.....	0 50
Donald McGregor.....	0 50
Donald Montgomery.....	1 00
John Campbell.....	1 00
Roderick McLeod.....	3 00
John Morrison, Teacher....	1 00

NORTH SHORE.

Donald McLeod.....	\$1 50
Duncan McLeod.....	4 00
John Smith.....	1 50
Angus Smith.....	1 50
Malcolm McLeod.....	1 50

BOULARDRIE.

David Corbit.....	\$0 50
William Corbit.....	0 90
Hector Corbit.....	0 50
Mr. Archibald, Teacher....	0 25
Widow McLeod.....	1 00
Murdoch McNeil.....	0 50

Kenneth McKenzie, (Son Donald)....	0 50
Kenneth McKenzie, (Son Roderick)...	1 50
David Corbett and family..	1 50

BADDECK RIVER.

Donald McDonald.....	\$1 50
John McLeod.....	1 80
Malcolm McLean, J. P....	1 00
Mrs. McLean.....	1 00
Daniel McKay.....	0 50
Neil McKay.....	0 50
Donald McKay.....	0 50
Neil McMillan.....	1 00
Donald McMillan.....	0 50
Allen McLeod.....	0 50
Charles McLean.....	0 40
John McLeod (son Angus)..	0 40
John McLeod.....	1 00
Normon McLeod.....	1 00
Donald McPhee.....	4 00
Widow McPhee.....	1 00
Hugh McLeod.....	1 05

UPPER BADDECK.

Alex. Morrison, Shoemaker	\$1 00
Donald McMillan.....	0 25
Donald McPhee.....	0 50
Niel McMillan.....	0 25
Mary McPhee.....	1 00
Catherine McLeod.....	0 25
Malcolm McLean, J. P....	1 00
Angus McLeod.....	6 20
Donald McLeod.....	0 50
Murdoch McLeod.....	0 20
Allan McLeod.....	0 50
Christopher McLeod.....	0 25
Normon McLeod.....	0 50

LOWER BADDECK.

George Ingraham.....	\$1 00
Thomas Foyle.....	1 50
Seymore F Foyle.....	1 50
William Foyle.....	2 00
Jacob Hull.....	0 50
Thomas Rice.....	1 50

LITTLE BADDECK.

J. S. Ingraham, Sheriff....	\$2 0 0
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COW BAY.

Collected by Rev. Malcolm Ross.

John Martell.....	\$4 00
David Spencer.....	5 00
Mrs. C. Martell.....	2 00
Charles Martell.....	4 00
Thomas Martell.....	4 00
Mrs. Galen Holmes.....	4 00
Miss S. Holmes.....	0 50
William Holmes.....	4 00
Anthony Martell.....	1 00
Joseph McQuillan.....	1 00
George Martell.....	1 50

Samuel Peters.....	3	25
Joseph Holmes.....	4	00
Studson Holmes.....	3	50
Obadiah Spencer.....	1	00
Robert Rice.....	1	00
Duncan McInnis.....	1	00
— Munroe.....	1	00
Collections at Glace Bay...	3	00
“ “ Cow Bay.....	4	00
“ “ Mira Gut.....	8	80
Arnold Holmes.....	9	00

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NOVA SCOTIA HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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June 1.	By cash on hand.....	280 65½	
4.	Interest on Mortgage.....	30 00	
July 18.	Central Association.....	306 17	
Aug. 20.	Eastern Association.....	386 15	
Nov. 5.	A Friend in Cornwallis.....	0 62½	
Dec. 18.	A Nova Scotian abroad, for a Missionary in Cape Breton...	74 00	
21.	Upper and Lower Stawiacke Churches.....	9 00	
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Feb. 3.	Granville Street Church.....	57 20	
	John Bew, Arichat.....	3 00	
4.	A. F. Porter, (from Waverly)...	0 65	
8.	1st Horton Church.....	43 37	
May 22.	Ezra Churchill, Esq.....	100 00	
	Wolfville Sabbath School	50 00	
	John Mosher.....	2 00	
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Feb. 4.	To Rev. R. R. Philp.....	5 37	
	" Wm. McPhee.....	51 20	
	" A. F. Porter.....	2 50	
	Treasurer of Eastern Association, (over paid).....	5 11	
	Rev. Samuel Thompson.....	20 00	
	" Joseph Kempton.....	74 00	
Mar. 5.	" Wm. Hall, Pictou Mission.	50 00	
28.	" David Shaw	107 96	
May 22.	" T. C. Delong.....	44 42	
	" Malcom Ross.....	99 90	
30.	" Wm. McPhee.....	36 60	
	" A. Chipman.....	50 00	
	Secretary's assistant, 2 years Postages, telegrams, &c.....	72 50	
			619 56
Balance.....			673 26
			1292 82

G. ROBINS, Auditor.

9th June, 1868.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

N. S. BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

I. This Society shall be called "The Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Society."

II. The object of this Society shall be the preaching of the Gospel throughout Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland, the assistance of feeble Churches, and the planting of new ones.

III. Any person may become a member of this Society by contributing five shillings and upwards, annually, to its funds. Any person contributing five pounds at one time shall be a Life Member. Any person contributing twenty pounds at one time, or whose contributions shall amount to that sum, shall be a Life Director. Every Association or Auxiliary, which contributes annually to this Society, shall be entitled to be represented by one Delegate for every five pounds so contributed; and every Baptist Church contributing annually to the funds of the Society, shall also have the privilege of sending a delegate. Should the funds so contributed exceed five pounds, such church shall be entitled to send one delegate for every five pounds contributed,—*Provided*: That no Association, Auxiliary, or Church, shall be entitled to send more than five Delegates at one time.

IV. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor, who shall be annually appointed by the Society from among its members.

V. The Society shall annually appoint a Board of Management, consisting of twenty-four members, seven of whom shall reside in the place designated, from year to year, as the location of the Board, or in its neighborhood, and five shall constitute a quorum. The officers above named shall be *ex officio* members of the Board. The following shall be the duties of the Board, viz:—To meet from time to time for the despatch of business, due notice of such meeting being given; to appoint Missionaries, and assign their respective spheres of labor; to expend the funds for the objects of the Society, provided that all amounts contributed for any specific purpose shall be faithfully applied, as far as possible in accordance with the wishes of the donors; to employ agents for the collection of funds, and for the general advancement of the interests of the Society; and to furnish a reports of the proceedings of the past year at the Annual meeting.

VI. Every Auxiliary Society which shall agree to commit all its funds to the direction of this Society, shall be entitled to receive

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Missionary labor in such field as it may designate, to an amount at least equal to its contribution; provided that such designation be intimated at the time of payment.

VII. The members of Auxiliary Societies shall be members of this Society. Life Directors shall be entitled to attend and vote at meetings of the Board.

VIII. The Annual meeting of the Society shall be held at such time and place as shall be determined upon at a previous Annual meeting. At that meeting, the officers of the Society for the ensuing year shall be appointed, and such other business transacted as the members then present deem expedient.

IX. No alteration of this Consitution shall be made without an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present at an Annual meeting.

BYE LAWS

OF THE

NOVA SCOTIA BAPTIST HOME MISSION BOARD.

ARTICLE 1.—This Board shall meet for this dispatch of business at 4 o'clock, P. M., on the 1st Wednesday of each month,—Also at such other times as duly called by the Chairman, or Secretary, or two other members of the Board.

ARTICLE 2.—Each meeting of the Board shall be opened and closed with prayer, and the minutes of preceding meetings read and approved.

ARTICLE 3.—None but Licentiates from regular Baptist Churches and ordained Ministers, recognized as such by a regular Baptist Association, shall be employed as Missionaries for the Society.

ARTICLE 4.—No Missionary shall be at liberty to change his field of labor or to extend the time of his service beyond appointment without consent of the Board.

ARTICLE 5.—The compensation allowed, generally, for married and ordained Missionaries shall be eight dollars per week, for married licentiates and unmarried ordained Missionaries seven dollars, in each case exclusive of travelling expenses.

ARTICLE 6.—All Missionaries of pastors, serving under the Board are empowered and expected to make all reasonable effort during the time, and in the localities of such service, to collect funds in aid of the Treasury, to be transmitted forthwith to the same, or reported to the Board, credited towards labor performed.

ARTICLE 7.—On the expiration of Missions, reports shall be promptly made to the Board, by Missionaries, stating definitely, the number of weeks' service, number of sermons preached, visits made, miles travelled, pages of tracts distributed, baptisms performed, Sabbath Schools visited, other meetings attended, Churches, Sabbath Schools, Temperance Societies and prayer meetings organized; moneys and other contributions, with the names of the donors; and such other facts connected with their labors likely to be of general interest.

ARTICLE 8.—No moneys shall be paid by the Treasurer, except on an order signed by the Chairman and Secretary.

ARTICLE 9.—The Chairman and Secretary shall sign no orders for moneys from the Treasury unless for accounts checked by the Auditors.

ARTICLE 10.—No account shall be audited until ordered by the Board.

ARTICLE 11.—The Board shall not accept and submit accounts to the Auditors, unless presenting full particulars of debits and credits, &c., as specified in Article 7.

ARTICLE 12.—The Secretary of this Board, with the consent of the Editor of the *Christian Messenger*, shall furnish, monthly, for publication in that paper, the following items, viz;—Letters received [during the month], appointments made, amount of funds in the Treasury, amounts due Missionaries, the names of Missionaries and their fields of labor, members of the Board present at last meeting, and such other particulars as may be ordered by the Board.

ARTICLE 13.—A copy of these Bye Laws shall be forwarded by the Secretary to each missionary on his appointment.

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